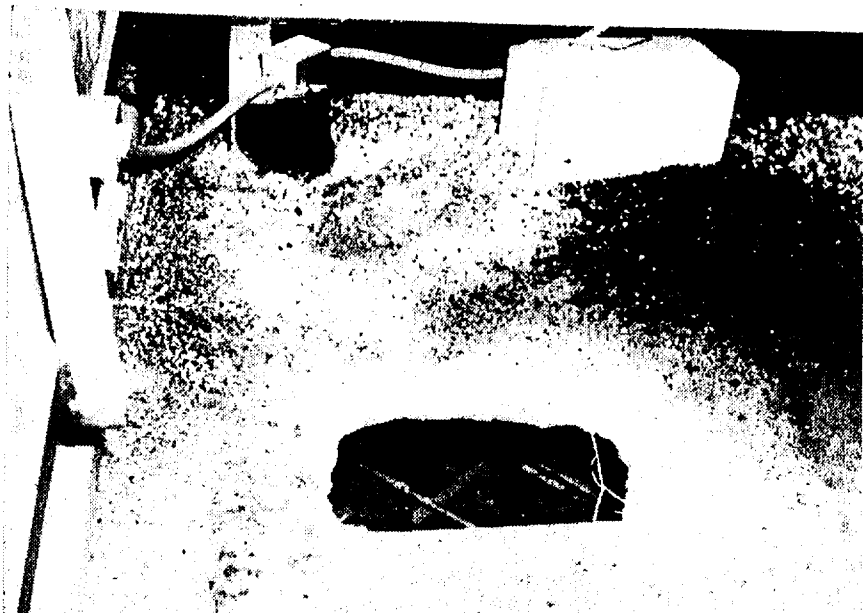


Bank Burglary At Plaza Stymied By Alert Police



ENTRYWAY: This small hole on the roof the F & M branch bank at Fairplain Plaza provided entrance into the building for burglary suspects arrested by police last night. Benton Harbor state police said suspects used cutting tools to cut the hole and a rope to lower themselves into the building. The hole was made behind a large sign on top of the building which shielded the burglars from passersby. (Staff photo)

Four Chicagoans Being Held

Four Chicago men were arrested last night during a burglary attempt at the Fairplain Plaza branch of Farmers and Merchants National bank.

Twin City area police and Chicago police officers made the arrests during an attempt to enter the night depository chest at the branch bank. State Police Lt. Carl Hulander said one suspect was found on the roof, and two others were arrested nearby in a car.

State police of the Benton Harbor post termed the operation of the burglary

crew "highly efficient and highly professional." Hulander said officers confiscated a radio used to monitor police calls, two-way radios allegedly for communication among the burglary suspects and tools. The suspects were not armed.

Hulander said the arrests developed on information from a Chicago police intelligence unit which had been playing a cat and mouse game of surveillance of suspects in several states and stakeout at the Plaza last week.

Nine Chicago officers headed by Det. Sgt. Kenneth Curin had conducted the initial investigation and were in on the arrests. Other agencies involved were Berrien sheriff's department, state and Benton township police, and FBI.

Under arrest on charges of bank burglary were: Bernard Crachy, 34; Elmer J. Crachy, 43; Joseph Lulinski, 42; and Frank Esposito, 43. All four listed Chicago as their home. State police said the Crachy's are brothers.

The FBI said the suspects were to be taken today to U. S. District Court at Grand Rapids to face federal charges involving bank burglary.

Sunday's police stakeout at the Plaza began about dark and continued for several hours. The arrests were made about 9:30 p.m. after most Plaza business places were closed.

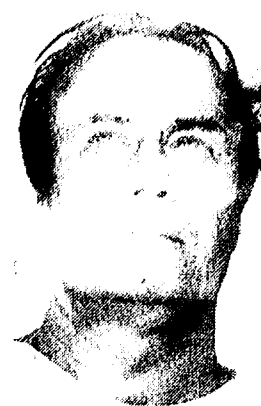
Hulander said all area police agencies cooperated in maintaining radio silence regarding movements at the Plaza because it was known the suspects had a police monitor, which is illegal when carried in a car without a permit. Benton township firemen provided ladders so police could reach the bank roof and seal off possible escape routes.

The night depository had been tampered with but was not broken. Evidence indicated that two men had been inside the bank before the arrests, Hulander said.

Richard Willard, F&M president, said the amount of money in the night depository was not immediately known because deposits are made continually when the bank is closed. Willard said the total would not be revealed until after the money is counted this morning.

He praised Chicago and area police for their hand-

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ELMER J. CRACHY



THOMAS B. CRACHY



FRANK R. ESPOSITO



JOSEPH LULINSKI

ARRESTED: These four men were arrested last night after local police agencies foiled a would-be bank burglary attempt at Fairplain Plaza.

Police Seek Pair In Robbery Of Niles Area Bar

NILES — Michigan and Indiana police are seeking two white men in connection with the fourth armed robbery in Berrien county in as many days.

Armed bandits took approximately \$1,800 from the safe at Jay's Lounge, US-31, south of Niles early Sunday morning.

Friday morning robbers took \$3,000 from Ralph's Lounge, 610 Paw Paw avenue, Benton Harbor, and that night two bandits made off with \$100 from the Checker service station in Benton township. Men involved in both robberies Friday were described as black.

Thursday afternoon two white men robbed a service station near New Buffalo and kidnapped the attendant and a delivery truck driver. The truck driver was shot in the arm as they escaped.

Police have not made any connection in the series of armed robberies.

State police at Niles said bandits entered Jay's Lounge about 4:40 a.m. Sunday and forced a cleaning woman into

a restroom at gun point. They took about \$1,800 from the safe, after opening it with a sledge hammer and pry bars, and \$40 from the purse of Mary Irwin, who was alone in the lounge.

Entry was gained by forcing the rear door of the lounge, police said.

The bandits were described as having dark shoulder-length hair. One was about 35 years, 5 feet 5 and weighing 135 pounds. The other was about 25 years, 5 feet 7 and 140 pounds. The older man was carrying a small calibre revolver.

Police said they had no description of the bandits' vehicle, or the direction in which they fled.

The lounge is owned by David Griffie of Niles and is located just north of the state line.

Edisan's gifts last. Open 8:30 P.M. Mon., Tues. & Thurs. 983-3430. Adv.

Correction: at Wilders Books, "Creation" should be reg. \$25, \$18.75. Adv.

'Janitors' Clean Windsor Bank Of \$1.1 Million

WINDSOR, Ont. (AP) — Investigators said today they have definite suspects in mind in their search for a gang dressed as janitors which gave a Royal Bank of Canada branch in Windsor a million-dollar cleaning job Saturday.

Described by the manager as "concerned and polite," the

gang took \$1,129,000 from the main branch in the 12-minute robbery conducted with commando-like precision. They left \$800,000 untouched.

"If it's who we have in mind, it was just a small group," Windsor Police Chief Gordon Preston told a news conference Sunday.

The four armed robbers, wearing blue-green coveralls and masks, waited until an armored truck delivered about \$300,000 in receipts from Windsor Raceway.

One acted as lookout while the other three, carrying pails filled with handcuffs, herded 12 employees into a washroom and handcuffed them together.

They then turned to the counting room and stuffed three

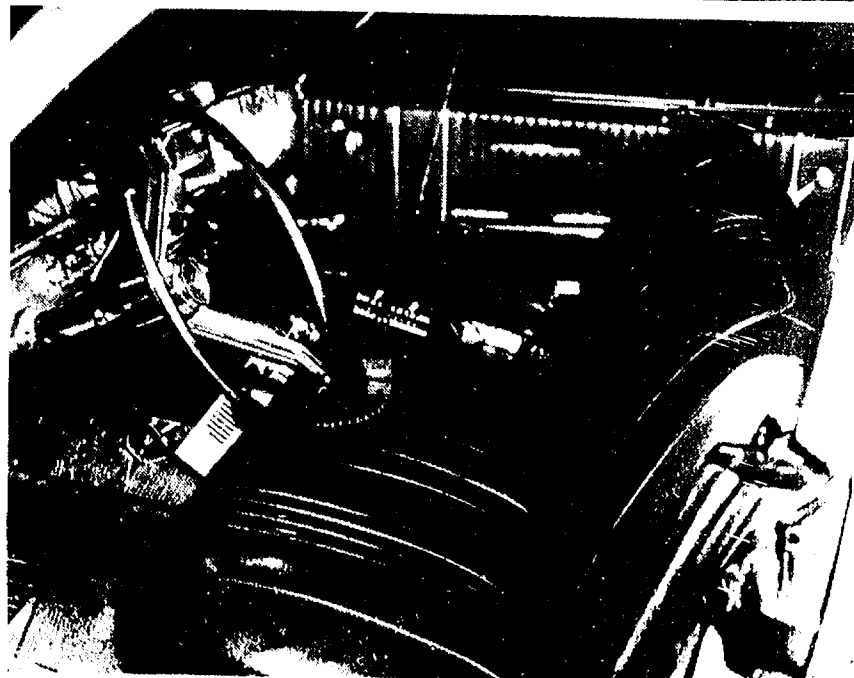
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Ideal Christmas Gift. Washmobile gift back. 5 car washes—discounted. Adv.

The Red Balloon open 'til 8 to nite. Stevensville Village Square. Adv.



TOOLS: State Trooper Mike Harbaugh inspects tools confiscated in arrests of four men last night during attempted burglary at Branch bank. Cutting instruments were used to knock out a portion of the bank roof while the rope was used to lower the men into the building. A would-be getaway car sits among the confiscated articles. A walkie-talkie (left, foreground) allegedly was used to maintain radio contact among suspects. (Staff photo)



POLICE MONITOR: Burglary suspects were equipped with this monitor tuned to Twin City area police agencies frequencies. Existence of monitor was known so police kept their radios silent during stakeout at Fairplain Plaza branch of Farmers and Merchants National bank. Carrying a police monitor in a car without a permit is illegal. (Staff photo)

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THE HERALD-PRESS

Editorial Page

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Bert Lindenfeld, Managing Editor

Good Fellow Newsies Build Real Fire On Miserable Day

Despite the Weatherman dealing the area a low blow Friday, the Good Fellow Newsies and their customers put together another tremendous effort for the less fortunately situated.

Up until about 11 o'clock Friday morning, the climate appeared favorable. Then the wind picked up, snow flurries swooped down, and the situation turned as dark as the clouds scudding by overhead.

As our press was rolling out the special edition for the sale, the local radio stations were reporting a four-mile traffic tieup on I-94 and quoting the police authorities that prudence called for staying put.

In touring around to see how the sale might be going in spite of that handicap we glanced at the Auto Specialties thermometer reading 22 degrees and the waves smashing over the north pier. Standing in that north wind made the temperature feel like a minus 22.

It was the second time within a month that white caps could be seen on the lake out to the horizon.

When that happens, the reader can be sure those waves are 15-footers no less.

In spite of those handicaps, the Newsies more than gave it the old college try.

The Benton Harbor crew, led by the

Exchange Club, pulled in \$3,581.10 as compared to \$3,785.77 a year ago when the weather was much better behaved. (Late sales have boosted the totals beyond the totals reported Saturday.)

The St. Joseph group collected \$3,034.26. A year ago they set an all time high of \$3,181.74.

This gang is a three-member unit, comprising the St. Joseph Lions Club, the Bridgman Lions, and LMC's Alpha Phi Omega fraternity and Sigma Delta sorority.

The Bridgman Lions, to everyone's surprise and delight, established a counterattack against the elements and their previous efforts.

They racked up \$425.70 as against \$381 last year.

The 10 men and three girls from the LMC hauled in \$289.89 from the Stevensville area, just slightly off the pace they trotted in 1970; and the St. Joe Lions sold \$2,318.67 worth of papers, amazingly close to their last year's record of \$2,410.

A third bugaboo besetting the Benton Harbor and St. Joe groups was illness flattening several star salesmen. This is an annual factor that is unavoidable, but the flu bug and other demons are more active this season.

A big loss to the Benton Harbor drive, for example, was the absence of insurance man Harold Smith. For years, he's been known as "Night Rider" or "Red Rider" to his fellow club members. He's the night man for the newsie sale. Dressed in red hunting clothes he scours the factory night shifts and the taverns until the wee hours of the morning. He always brings in from \$300 to \$400 for Santa. But this year he was confined to his home with illness.

Bill Parks, another veteran newsie, was ill, too. But his wife Marian substituted and brought in over \$100.

Despite the fact that Exchangers fell slightly below last year's sales, their effort has to go down as one of the best in their long history of helping Santa. Under the chairmanship of Fred C. Peden, assisted by Dave Ohman and Ron Postelli, the Benton Harbor sales campaign was well organized and hard-hitting. The chill, blustery weather, unfortunately, thinned the ranks of shoppers who were being hailed by energetic salesmen everywhere all afternoon and evening.

By this time the Exchangers, the Lions and their Helpers are thawed and ready to give it another whirl in '72.

We can't say enough to thank them. And the same goes for their customers.

They're the real Christmasy people.

A black widow spider's venom, more potent drop for drop than a rattlesnake's, causes intense pain, National Geographic says. Deaths, however, occur from only four or five of the more than 1,000 bites reported in the United States each year.

Sunday Mass in the Mohawk language still is celebrated at Caughnawaga, an Indian reserve on Montreal's south shore. Descendants of Indians converted from animism in the 17th century have lived on the site ever since.

Back To Soap

Well, what do you know. A new cleaning substance has been discovered. It's called soap.

The Food and Drug Administration has sent letters to 600,000 doctors and other health professionals warning them of possible ill effects from using skin cleansers containing hexachlorophene.

Such products have been in use in hospital nurseries and by mothers in bathing infants for 22 years. Recent tests show hexachlorophene enters the bloodstream of infants and in laboratory tests has been identified as a cause of brain damage in animals.

Products containing hexachlorophene have not been ruled off the market by the FDA action. Companies manufacturing the formulations have 30 days in which to respond, and six months to prove hexachlorophene's effectiveness as a germ killer.

"Recent studies," said the FDA warning, "confirm absorption into the bloodstream when such products are used for daily bathing of infants and adults. Since this use has not been shown to be safe and it is only possibly effective, it is contra-indicated at this time, except under the direction and care of a physician."

Actually, the FDA had little to do with the findings leading up to its action. One of the leading manufacturers of cleansers containing hexachlorophene voluntarily provided the agency with the test results showing a possible link to brain damage.

So, while both industry and government researchers take a more thorough look at hexachlorophene, the best advice for bathing babies seems to be to do what Grandma used to do. Use soap.

Red Tape Specialists

The idea of cutting red tape so citizens can more effectively deal with their government is a good one, but the method chosen by the Urban Affairs Subcommittee of the Joint House-Senate Economic Committee to accomplish this end could be a two-edged sword.

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Christmas Spirit



GLANCING BACKWARDS

BLOSSOMTIME FESTIVAL CALLED OFF FOR 1971

—1 Year Ago—

Southwestern Michigan will not have a Blossomtime Festival in 1971 because of withdrawal of financial support by governmental units.

Announcement was made by Donald Humphrey, president of Blossomtime, Inc., after a meeting Friday of the Blossomtime board of directors. The board is hopeful of finding some means of raising revenue that will permit continuance of the festival in 1972, Humphrey said.

NAMED TO NEW WHIRLPOOL POST

—10 Years Ago—

Howard E. Brehm Jr., has

been appointed director of Engineering Service of the Whirlpool Research Laboratories. This appointment was announced today by W. E. Mahaffay, vice president for Research and Engineering.

Before coming to Whirlpool, Brehm was with Preflection Stone Co., Cleveland, as manager of furnace and appliance engineering. He joined Whirlpool in 1955 as director of engineering at the Hamilton, Ohio division.

JAPANESE HIT BIG U.S. BASE

—30 Years Ago—

Two waves of Japanese bombers, flying at 30,000 feet, fled over the vital naval base

at Cavite, in Manila bay, in less than two hours today in short, quick thrusts and the first left a giant column of smoke billowing in the sky.

A communique issued by the U.S. Far Eastern command said no reports of bombing by the second wave of planes had been received at 4:20 p.m. (2:20 a.m. E.S.T. Friday), nearly three hours after the raiders flew over the Manila area.

GUEST SPEAKER

—40 Years Ago—

Mrs. H. G. Hughson of this city was speaker yesterday at a meeting of the Millburg Literary club in the home of Mrs. Beaton. Mrs. Hughson talked on "My Philosophy of Life, a la poetry."

ELECT OFFICERS

—50 Years Ago—

Harry O'Darrell was elected commander of the American Legion post to succeed Dr. L. A. King. Fred Schreiber was elected vice commander; John L. Swigert, adjutant; J. J. Gard, treasurer; Howard G. Anong, historian; Howard Olson, sergeant at arms; Martin Harner, member of the executive committee.

FULL-HOUSE

—40 Years Ago—

The comedy at the Bell Opera House, "The Chorus Girl," has been playing to full houses since it opened in the sister city a few days ago. It will be followed by "The Millionaire Tramp."

THE FAMILY LAWYER

Bowling Suits

Number Thirteen lane at a neighborhood bowling alley really was unlucky. If a bowler happened to step on a certain spot in a certain board, the board would bend downward, causing the heads of two nails to protrude.

One evening a bowler stepped on the spot, snagged his shoe on the nails, and went sprawling. Painfully injured, he determined to claim damages from the owner of the alley.

At a court hearing, the owner protested that he simply had not known about any weakness in the board. But the court held him liable anyhow, in the light of evidence that the situation had existed for weeks.

Generally speaking, a bowler is entitled to protection not only against obvious hazards but also against hazards that an attentive management would notice.

But the bowling alley does not guarantee perfect safety. As in other places of public recreation, things can go wrong that are outside the scope of the management's responsibility. Here are two examples:

A bowler slipped on a dab of ice cream lying at the edge of the foul line. But no one knew how or when the ice cream had been dropped there. Re-

sult: no management liability.

Another bowler, reaching into the return rack for his ball, failed to notice another ball speeding back from the pit. Result: mashed fingers, but again no management liability.

Something more serious occurred recently when a bowler took a practice swing, behind the lanes, to get the feel of a new ball. He lost his grip and the ball slipped out of his hand, striking a glancing blow on another bowler's head.

Could the victim hold the management liable on the theory that it had failed to post special notices, warning its customers against taking practice swings?

A court said he could not. The court said this accident was so freakish that the management could not fairly be expected to take precautionary measures against it.

Bruce Blossat

Ticket-Splitters

Decide Elections



WASHINGTON (NEA) — Democrats who want to knock off President Nixon in 1972 may need to stop comforting themselves that he won in 1968 mostly because he was "packaged" like a bar of soap.

It is the kind of idea the Democrats love. It enables them to make snide cracks about Madison Avenue and the "cosmetic candidate."

That's why they and a lot of other folks warmly embraced "The Selling of the President," a funny little book by Joe McGinnis about the "packaging" of Richard Nixon last time out.

Only one trouble. The evidence has been piling up for some time that the discriminating "swing voters" who decide elections don't buy the fancy packages.

One flaw in the McGinnis book was that it was describing something that wasn't new. The effort to doll up a candidate had been going on long before 1968. The other flaw was, of course, that it didn't tell us much about how Nixon really got elected.

For years now, politicians, their promoters and many political observers have been ascribing a special magic to television advertising. The key, they said, was the well-honed, 30-second or 60-second "spot" commercial. Their judgment—these could decide nominations and elections.

Maybe these things were decisive in such races as

Democratic Gov. Milton Shapp's first nomination for the office in Pennsylvania in 1966, and New York Rep. Richard Ottinger's 1970 Democratic nomination for U.S. Senate in 1970, to mention just a couple.

But by 1970, whatever value such advertising may ever have had was already severely diminished. In October, I walked Manhattan streets with Ottinger, and most people who saw him didn't know who he was. The great spring-time TV splurge that was deemed so crucial to his nomination appeared to have been written in sand.

In Michigan, Walter DeVries, scholar and manager-analyst in successful governorship campaigns for George Romney, was largely ignoring the overrated "spot" of earlier fame. He knew from tests that spring voters weren't impressed by shots of the candidate in shirt-sleeves, coat slung over the shoulder and held by one finger, foot on a fence rail as he squinted into the sun and talked to a farmer or worker.

The lesson, shrewdly employed by DeVries in 1970 to help elect Republican Gov. William Milliken by a narrow margin, is underscored in his new book, "The Ticket-Splitter," written with Lance Tarrance Jr., a bright political researcher currently serving as special assistant to Census Director George Brown.

Marianne Means

Humphrey Plans

Nixon Tactics



WASHINGTON (AP) — If imitation is the sincerest form of flattery, Sen. Hubert Humphrey is about to butter up President Nixon, of all people.

For Humphrey now plans to pattern his campaign for the Democratic Presidential nomination next year after the successful primary effort of the man who went on to defeat him for the White House in 1968.

Nixon had problems in winning the GOP Presidential nomination three years ago which are roughly similar to those faced by Humphrey today. After studying Nixon's primary approach, Humphrey believes that much of what worked for Nixon may work for him too.

Nixon's first tactical problem was to erase the loser image. Party regulars still liked him, but he had lost the Presidency for them. He had to prove he was capable of winning it the second time around. That is Humphrey's big problem too. And the only way out then as now is to enter many primaries and win them all. A single loss would have spoiled Nixon's plans, and will spoil Humphrey's.

The Republican Party in 1968 was badly split and demoralized after its defeat four years previously, as the Democratic Party is today. Nixon had to capture it without tearing it apart and making the nomination value-

less. So does Humphrey.

Nixon has considerable prestige as the party's former Presidential nominee, but he was a centrist who excited neither the right nor the left. Furthermore, he had been around a long time and he had begun to bore a lot of people. Ditto Humphrey.

Nixon's solution was to emphasize his experience and his qualifications for the job, and run as though he already had the nomination. He ignored his GOP rivals and campaigned against the Democrats. To create an aura of freshness, he put all his old 1960 advisers in backroom jobs and gave jobs that involved meeting voters to new young recruits. He concentrated on areas of traditional GOP strength plus the South.

Humphrey intends to do much the same. He will direct his campaign against Nixon, not against Sen. Edmund Muskie or the other Democrats. He is surrounding himself with young faces, pushing the oldtimers into the background. He is going to try to present a more dignified image than he did in 1968, when he often seemed disorganized and confused. He too will emphasize his experience. He will concentrate on arousing traditional Democratic partisans, such as labor unionists. He will leave the forming of new coalitions to somebody else.

BERRY'S WORLD



"If there's going to be war with Israel again, I say let's fight NOW and be done with it. I've got to go to Europe on business next week!"



RONALD BRADFORD
New Career

Construction Veteran Has New Career

Ronald Bradford's career as a construction worker ended Sept. 22, 1969, when a shot gun blast tore into his left leg, forcing amputation above the knee.

He had worked in construction 12 years before the gun discharged accidentally while he was handling it. Future employment meant a new career. But what, how?

Bradford said the Division of Vocational Rehabilitation of the Michigan Department of Education put him onto the State Technical Institute and Rehabilitation center at Pine

Lake, north of Kalamazoo.

After a year and a half of business education training, Bradford is now operating Bradford's Tax service, in the former Battlement Drug store building, 161 East Napier, Fairplain.

Bradford, 36, and his wife are the parents of five children. He has an artificial leg but says he has to lose some weight before it will fit.

Nothing can make up for the loss of the leg, but Bradford believes his training in bookkeeping and accounting have given him a new lease on life.

Annexation Is Ruled Invalid

Site Of Housing Project

Court Decides
Berrien Springs
Case Today

By BRANDON BROWN
Staff Writer

In a three-quarter hour oral opinion this morning, Berrien Circuit Judge Chester J. Byrns ruled that proposed annexation of some 225 acres of Planned Unit Development land to the Village of Berrien Springs is invalid.

The judge found that the proposed annexation of PUD land in Berrien township does not meet the test of contiguity and reasonableness, and ruled that annexation steps to date are void.

The ruling killed a hearing on annexation before the Berrien county board of commissioners, scheduled later this morning. Benton Harbor Attorney F. A. (Mike) Jones said he has not had a chance to discuss with village officials, defendants in the suit, whether to appeal Judge Byrns' decision.

However, late last week a spokesman for the prime mover of the annexation, Detroit Attorney Gary Taback said that development of \$24 million worth of housing over a period of years on PUD land southwest of the village of Berrien Springs would continue, regardless of what the court's ruling would be. The land involved will now remain part of Berrien township.

Judge Byrns' based his ruling today on Michigan supreme court decisions that proposed annexation lands not only must touch existing municipalities but must also be "reasonably compact."

The judge held that there is a touching in a "Rube Goldbergish design" but that the product of annexation would be odd, irregular and jagged. He noted there are some 75



GIFTS FROM GOOD FELLOWS: Benton Harbor Firemen Roland Renhart (left) and Mike McGee distribute toys to youngsters during party at State theatre Saturday. Guests watched a Disney film and received toys, mittens and caps as part of 1972 Benton

Harbor Good Fellows project. Arrangements for party were made by Exchange club. Proceeds from Exchange Newsie Sale Friday footed the bill. (Pete Mitchell photo)

sides to the assembled parcels.

The judge noted that the only access to proposed annexation lands from the Village of Berrien Springs is via US-31-33, after traveling some 2,500 feet through Berrien township.

Testimony during a two-day hearing last week by witnesses for the village said a bridge could be constructed over the river from the village to the PUD tract. But Judge Byrns noted such a bridge would cost \$500,000 to \$1 million and there had been no showing that such an access link was even

contemplated. He called it a "mythical bridge".

His ruling also said the actual village boundaries at the river were never made clear in the testimony. Witnesses for the defendants went back to property descriptions that date back as far as a reincorporation of the village

that took place in 1879. Reference was also made of the old river steamer, May Graham, and its traversing of the river in that area.

Judge Byrns said he could not determine "with exactitude" whether the village boundary was on the east bank, the west bank or the

center of the river.

On other minor objections made by the plaintiff, Charles Kiefer, Berrien Springs real estate dealer, the ruling held that village council approval of annexation was valid and that public notices of the proposed annexation were sufficient.

Good Fellows Need \$939

Time Short For BH Goal

Additional returns from the Benton Harbor Exchange club Newsie Sale and contributions received at The News-Palladium office pushed the Good Fellow Fund total to \$7,560.10 today.

That's \$939 short of the goal with just five days before Christmas, and Santa was beginning to wonder if his Good Fellows would make it.

But the spirit is there, as evidenced by the Newsie Sale

which reached \$3,591.10 with \$109.73 additional reported since Saturday morning. Friday's sale was carried on in the bitterest weather in recent history of Newsie Sales, and it was a tribute to the perseverance of the Exchange club members and their volunteer Newsies.

Contributions received at The News-Palladium office were topped by \$100 from Ireland & Lester Co. which

has been a Good Fellow regular for many years. Another old timer, Burch Printers, joined the rolls with \$50.

Salute Food Employees gave \$14.13, and the tots at Mrs. Duncan's story hour at the Benton Harbor public library contributed \$10.

The Southwestern Michigan Association of the Deaf was down for \$5. Another \$5 came from Brian Brown and Sally Sheeley in honor of their grandparents, living and dead. And Gerald and Ruth LeMire also sent \$5. David, Cheryl and Diane Molnar provided \$3, and there was \$1 from A Friend. Santa corrected a mistake in bookkeeping to make the Volunteer Crafty's Club gift read \$11.02 instead of

\$10 as reported Friday.

The generosity of Good Fellows went to work Saturday morning as underprivileged youngsters were guests at a party in the State theatre and received gifts from Santa Claus. Other Good Fellow projects are Christmas remembrances to the elderly and \$1,500 donation to Berrien Drug Treatment Center to aid in the battle against narcotics addiction.

Santa can't close the books on the Newsie Sale without citing a couple of family efforts. Dave Ohman, a co-chairman of the sale, and his wife, Shirley, teamed up to collect \$143.99. Then there was the Boerma family — all five of them. Don, Pete, Dick, Ann

and Jane Boerma turned in \$105.15.

THE NEWS-PALLADIUM
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MA BELL'S GALS AND DOLLS: Miss Vivian Thomas (left) and Mrs. Ruth Teske, Michigan Bell operators at Benton Harbor exchange, admire dolls collected by Bell girls for distribution to

needy tots at Christmas. Gifts of dolls are traditional with Bell employees. (Staff photos)

SJ Yule Fund Keeps Growing

The Good Fellow campaign, like Old Man River, just keeps rolling along.

In fact, while the Herald-Press Newsies were out battling the elements the tide of gifts blew in bringing in \$115.20.

Then there was a \$12.31

adjustment upward for the Alpha Phi Omega fraternity and Commissioner Frank Smith brought in another \$1 so right now the Good Fellow balance sheet looks something like this:

Advance gifts	\$2,002.12
St. Joe Lions	2,318.67
Bridgman Lions	525.70
APD-SD	249.89

Total today ... \$5,136.38

When the Lions left Good Fellow headquarters last Friday after that heroic bout with the weather they were muttering under their breath they still had their eye on last year's \$2,410.60 and anyone with the determination shown by the Lions last Friday can expect some more Christmas miracles.

The Lakeshore Chamber of Commerce opened the door with \$10 and the Southwestern Michigan Association of the Deaf added \$5.

Then the boys and girls in Whirlpool's Laundry Engineering division took up a collection and instead of sending each other Christmas greeting cards sent the Good Fellows \$10.20 instead.

Ralph Ludlam, making his first visit to the Good Fellow fund, sent in \$20 and split up

as follows: the first \$10 as a memorial to his wife Helen who died Dec. 15, 1966 and his mother, Margaret, who died March 21, 1971 plus grandchildren Dorry, Michael, Robert, Karen, Tom, Jr., Linda Sue and Timothy John. The other \$10 goes in honor of the people on the third floor of Memorial hospital, registered nurses, licensed practical nurses, nurses aides, volunteers and Candy Strippers. Mr. Ludlam was at Memorial for a month this past year and he remembers their care and comfort. As a post script he says: "Merry Christmas to all."

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Family Planning Has Big Welcome In Area

Tri-County Program Offers Accurate Information

"Our job is to go where the need is."

That's how David McCormack, supervisor of the Outreach program operated by the Planned Parenthood Association of Southwestern Michigan, explains the purpose of the three-county project which is operated by the association under a contract with the Berrien, Cass and Van Buren County Health departments. "Outreach is designed to provide accurate and intelligent information about family planning to residents of the tri-county area through direct contact in private homes, hospitals, and at public meetings," said McCormack.

Mrs. Dorothy Sosey, Planned Parenthood association executive director, said Outreach has "definitely has a positive impact on family planning programs" in the six months following its expansion last June.

The expanded Outreach program began in June with a training program for 12 additional aides and the hiring of an Outreach supervisor and secretary. By mid-July, six aides were working in Berrien county, and the remaining six aides were working in Cass and Van Buren counties.

McCormack outlined several services provided by the program: —Canvassing and personal contact by the staff to give first-hand contact and information about family planning to tri-county residents.

—Literature drops in public establishments with pamphlets that describe services available and list clinics.

—Publicity through public speaking engagements and guest appearances on local radio stations.

—Information booths at fairs.

—Youth education.

—Maternity ward programs which make family planning information available to women who request it while they are in the hospital.

The Outreach activities have increased the patient loads in the program's four clinics, according to Mrs. Sosey. "As the Outreach program grows," she said, "it has a snowball effect on the entire program because the people the Outreach workers talk to help spread the word themselves."

She said the value of Outreach is shown by statistics which show "dramatic increases" in clinic caseloads since July, 1971. "For example, Hartford and Niles had almost more patients in July and August than they did in the first six months of 1971, and Benton Harbor had almost half again as many patients in those months as were served in the first half of the year," she explained.

The Planned Parenthood Association of Southwestern Michigan is a non-profit organization which works as the educational and promotional arm of the Tri-County Family Planning program, which is directed by Dr. E. DeWain Silvernale. The family planning program, operated by the Berrien, Cass, and Van Buren Health departments, provides regularly scheduled family planning clinics in Benton Harbor, Niles, Cassopolis, and Hartford.

Renamed this year to reflect its expanded geographic responsibility, the then Twin Cities Area Planned Parenthood.

WEEKEND IN N.Y.
WASHINGTON (AP) — President Nixon has returned to Washington for a brief stopover after a weekend outing in New York with Mrs. Nixon, their two daughters and sons-in-law.

Credit Union Gives Dividend, Refund

Directors of the Berrien Teachers Credit Union at an annual presidents meeting Saturday night at Wyndwicks Country club approved an increase in interest refund to its borrowers and a \$50,000 dividend to over 3,200 shareholder members.

The refund to borrowers, increased from 12½ to 15 per cent of their interest payments, will total over \$45,000 and will benefit 1,750 borrowers, according to Franklin Jackson, treasurer-manager.

The dividend to shareholders remained at 5.5 per cent for the six-month period ending December 31.

The credit union's deposit program for the first quarter of 1972 will yield a dividend of 5.75 per cent quarterly. Deposit investors are required to have a minimum of \$2,000 in their share accounts.

Jackson reported the deposit balance at nearly \$1,300,000.



TEST: Mrs. Jeanne Bottroff, R.N., reads a test on a blood sample at the Benton Harbor clinic of the Tri-County Family Planning program. The Planned Parenthood Association of Southwestern Michigan is the educational and promotional arm of the three county program.



FAMILY PLANNING CONSULTANT: Mrs. Bertha Allen, who has been with the Outreach program for over two years, interviews a prospective client at the Benton Harbor Planned Parenthood clinic.



OUTREACH STAFF: Southwestern Michigan Family Planning consultants, Bob Hunter, Mrs. DeLoris Jones, Mrs. Virginia Engleright, and Mrs. Cora Mills talks with Miss Elaine Soczawa (right), a social worker with the Muskegon Health department.

Drug Identification Lab Suggested Here

Berrien Prosecutor Ronald J. Taylor planned to ask county commissioners in regular session today to approve a federally-funded \$39,524 Berrien county drug identification laboratory to serve police across the county.

The laboratory, born in a Berrien countywide police detective's meeting a year ago and brought to fruition by officials from the prosecutor's, Berrien sheriff's and St. Joseph police departments, would be a pilot project in the state. It is aimed at economical, speedy identification of drugs in criminal case investigations and prosecutions.

A one-year grant, approved last week by the state crime commission — disbursing agent for federal Law Enforcement Assistance Administration funds — calls for \$10,260 in local goods and services and \$29,264 in federal funds, Taylor said.

The lab would be located in an Andrews university laboratory at Berrien Springs, modified at university expense, and staffed by an organic chemistry analyst. The analyst would be paid 25 per cent by the university and 75 per cent from lab project funds, Taylor said.

The laboratory plan was made possible by the university's offer of free laboratory space, free modifications there and offer of free expertise and advice from Drs. Dwain Ford, a chemistry professor, and Leonard Hare, a biology professor, Prosecutor Taylor said.

LOAN BIAS DRIVE
WASHINGTON (AP) — Four federal agencies will launch a campaign March 1 to prevent racial discrimination in the granting of housing loans by banks and savings and loan associations.

It's the university's way of paying back the community for community support of the university, he added.

The lab would save many man-hours and cut costs of drug identification by eliminating trips from Berrien county to the state crime lab at Lansing, according to the grant application. Police now must hand-carry samples to Lansing for each drug case they handle.

One such trip and related court appearances for a state crime lab expert is calculated at \$405, compared to \$138 if the proposed new laboratory were used.

Prosecutor Taylor said he's gotten commitments from all police agencies in the county to use the new facility, except police who would retain the option of using their own laboratory at Lansing.

If the plan is successful here, it stands a good chance of being applied in other Michigan counties, he said.

Taylor said it now is virtually impossible to have samples analyzed at Lansing for investigation rather than prosecution purposes. A local lab would not only reduce costs but also provide a greater service than is now available.

A local lab also would provide speedy identification

of substances confiscated in schools or used in drug overdose cases where prompt medical treatment is necessary, according to the project's grant bid.

The lab project director would be Andrew Novikoff, Taylor's chief investigator. Taylor especially commended Benton Harbor City Manager Don Stewart, a member of the state crime commission, for his role.

"But for him, we wouldn't have gotten this approved," he said.

Lincoln Twp. Hall Closed This Friday

The Lincoln township office in Stevensville will be closed all day Friday, Christmas Eve. Tax bills may be paid the day before at the township hall between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m.

Passersby Try To Save Life

A Coloma area man whose auto went off a roadway in St. Joseph Saturday night, died of a coronary attack, despite efforts of passersby, including a nurse, to save him, St. Joseph police reported.

The victim was John Martin Coffey, 50, of Box 274, Hagar Shore road, Coloma. He was pronounced dead at Memorial hospital of what was termed an acute coronary by Dr. Charles E. Boonstra of St. Joseph, a deputy county medical examiner.

Police said the attack appeared to have occurred while Coffey was driving north on US-33 just north of the Blossomland bridge, shortly before 7:48 p.m. when the accident was reported. Police said the station wagon veered off the roadway and across an exit ramp before coming to rest. Officers said the condition of the vehicle indicates that the accident was not a factor in the death.

Noted on the police report for efforts were Mrs. Richard Berman, a nurse at Memorial hospital, who applied heart massage; and another passerby, Marion Harris, a man who lives at 934 Eders, Benton township, and who applied mouth-to-mouth respiration.

Also at the scene was the St. Joseph fire department which used a resuscitator.

Mrs. Berman was with her

husband, Richard, a staff member at Riverwood Community Mental Health Center, police said. They pulled off the road behind the station wagon offer help.

Police said an investigation showed that Coffey for several years had been treated for heart trouble by a physician.

Mr. Coffey was born Aug. 22, 1921, in Kalamazoo. He had been employed at the Soper Manufacturing company, Benton Harbor, several years and most recently was employed as a custodian at E. P. Clarke elementary school, St. Joseph.

Surviving are his widow, the former Dorothy Edwards, whom he married on Sept. 24, 1948, in Watervliet; a son, Alfred Lee Coffey of Maysville, Okla.; two daughters, Mrs. Robert (Juanita) Hanner of St. Joseph and Virginia Mae Coffey, at home; a stepson, Ernest G. Hanlin of Chicago; his mother, Mrs. Mattie Reimland of St. Joseph; a sister, Mrs. Richard (Betty) Lemire of St. Joseph and two step-brothers, Walter Reimland of Benton Harbor and Robert Reimland of Mishawaka, Ind.

Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Wednesday in the Florin funeral home.

Burial will be in North Shore Memory Gardens.

Friends may call at the funeral home.

Bill May Encourage Drug Use

LANSING — The new drug penalty bill now awaiting the governor's signature may encourage drug use, according to one of its opponents.

State Sen. Gary Byker, R-Hudsonville, one of 14 senators who voted against the bill as it scraped through the Senate last week, said the motive of easing unrealistically harsh penalties for drug violations was good but had gone much too far.

He said he voted against the bill hoping that the situation could be improved.

Byker cited as one example the reduction of the penalty for possession of hallucinogens, including LSD, to a misdemeanor calling for a year in prison and \$1,000 fine, the same penalty for possession and distribution of marijuana.

Opposition of the bill in its final form by state chiefs of police, sheriffs, prosecuting attorneys and other law enforcement groups is an indication that the bill will probably encourage drug abuse, according to Byker.

Traffic Deaths

Dec. 20 State Police Count
This Year 2,056
Last Year 2,114